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STAFF REPORT: 2017 OHMVR Commission Program Report

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SUBJECT: Suggested Content and Outline for the 2017 OHMVR Commission Program Report

Summary

The OHMVR Commission is required to prepare and submit a report for California's OHMVR program every three years. This report, known as the OHMVR Commission Program Report (2017 Report), is due on or before January 1, 2017. The report shall address the status of the program, off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation, and other required elements as outlined in Public Resource Code (PRC) Section 5090.24(h). The OHMVR Commission shall adopt the 2017 Report after discussing the contents at two or more OHMVR Commission meetings. This staff report provides suggested content and an outline for the 2017 Report.

Discussion

PRC Section 5090.24(h) requires the report address the status of the OHMVR program and OHV recreation, including:

- Strategic Plan accomplishments
- Condition of natural and cultural resources in areas and trails funded by the OHV Trust Fund
- Conflict resolution relative to areas and trails funded by the OHV Trust Fund
- Status of the OHMVR Division Grants Program – Restoration
- Summary of OHMVR Division resource monitoring and restoration projects
- Actions taken by the OHMVR Division to reduce OHV trespass
- Other relevant program-related environmental issues

A report outline with suggested content has been developed (Attachment 1).

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – 2017 OHMVR Program Report Outline and Suggested Content

Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission

Program Report – Proposed 2017 Outline

FRONT MATTER

- Message from the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Commission Chair and OHMVR Division Deputy Director
- Executive Summary, OHMVR vision and mission statements and program milestones (1971-2016)

INTRODUCTION

- Overview of the OHMVR Program, including legislative intent and history and program goals; OHMVR Commission and Division duties and responsibilities and program funding
- Topics may include, but are not limited to the 2014 Attendance Study, 2018 Reauthorization of the OHMVR Program, and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle Red Sticker Program Evaluation
- Other topics based on public and Commission input

REPORT REQUIREMENT NO. 1

This section describes progress and achievements towards meeting the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan goals and objectives. The goals are:

Goal 1 -- Sustain Existing Opportunity

Protect, preserve, and enhance existing OHV opportunities in a manner that ensures well-managed, interesting, and high quality experiences, and address the environmental impacts that may be associated with those activities.

Goal 2 - Increase OHV Opportunity

Add new off-highway vehicle (OHV) opportunities where appropriate and needed to replace loss of existing opportunities and respond to changing and future demand.

Goal 3 - Staff Development

Enhance the abilities of Program managers and staff dedicated to the development, management, and implementation of the OHMVR Program.

Goal 4 - Develop an Informed and Educated Community

Achieve a highly informed and educated community associated with OHV recreational activities, dedicated to safe and lawful OHV operation and responsible environmental stewardship.

Goal 5 - Cooperative Relationships

Establish and maintain productive relationships between individuals, organizations, industry, and government agencies to cooperatively identify problems and develop and implement solutions to advance the Mission and Goals of the OHMVR Program.

Goal 6 - Informed Decision Making

Improve the quality, quantity, and accessibility of information needed to support sound decision-making, transparency of administration, and communication with the interrelated groups interested in, and associated with, the OHMVR Program.

REPORT REQUIREMENT 2

This section describes the condition of natural and cultural resources at the SVRAs, areas receiving OHV Trust Funds, and the resolution of conflicts in those areas. Content includes:

Update on Division-wide natural resource programs

- Wildlife Habitat Protection Program, Habitat Management System, 2008 Soil Conservation Standard
- Update on State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) natural resource management programs
 - Soil conservation, air quality, stormwater, sound monitoring, invasive species management, fire management
 - Collaborative work with academic institutions and partners
- Update on Division-wide and SVRA cultural resource programs
 - Cultural resource inventories and historic site surveys; changes to CEQA requirements for Native American consultation; and training for volunteer site monitors

Condition of Natural and Cultural Resources on lands supported by the Grants Program

- Update on the habitat monitoring program
- Update on federal and local grant projects
 - Projects may include, but not limited to BLM El Mirage OHV Skills Development and Training Course, BLM Fort Sage Special Recreation Management Area (SMRA), and the Eldorado National Forest (NF) Barret Lake Jeep trail bridge project
- Other topics based on public and Commission input

Resolution of conflicts of use

- Update on federal and local grants projects
 - Projects may include, but are not limited to Baldy Mesa and Iron Mountain Snow Park projects
- Update on the OHMVR Division ambient sound monitoring program and dust monitoring at the SVRAs
- Other topics based on public and Commission input

REPORT REQUIREMENT 3

This section reports on the status and accomplishments of funds appropriated for restoration under the Grants Program. The content includes:

Restoration in BLM and USFS Areas

- Update on grant restoration projects
 - Projects may include, but are not limited to BLM Fort Sage SMRA, Stanislaus NF, Inyo County, and BLM Jawbone Canyon restoration projects
- Other topics based on public and Commission input

Conservation Groups Projects

- Update on restoration work from conservation groups
 - Projects may include, but are not limited projects from the Armargosa Land Trust, Alpine Watershed Group, FIELD, and the Southern California Mountains Foundation
- Other topics based on public and Commission input

Resource Conservation District Projects

- Update Trinity County Resource Conservation District projects
- Other topics based on public and Commission input

REPORT REQUIREMENT 4

This section provides a summary of resource monitoring data and restoration work completed at the SVRAs. Content includes:

- Annual wildlife and fisheries surveys, amphibian and herpetology studies, vegetation monitoring, and avian and bat studies
- Update on soil conservation standards work, air quality monitoring, stormwater monitoring, and sound monitoring programs
- Collaborative work with academic institutions to improve monitoring programs
- Update on programs like the flat tail horned lizard monitoring and management update, and the western snowy plover and California least tern nesting programs
- Update on habitat restoration work at the SVRAs
- Other topics based on public and Commission input

REPORT REQUIREMENT 5

Report Requirement 5 discusses the actions taken by the OHMVR Division and Department since the last program report to discourage and decrease trespass of OHVs on private property. Content includes:

- Update on the OHMVR Division's law enforcement program
 - Assistance provided to public and private land owners; OHV law enforcement training to local, state, and federal agencies; OHMVR Division law enforcement assistance to local governments and federal agencies; and outreach efforts
- Update on efforts to reduce trespass on the Pacific Crest Trail in Kern County

- Update on law enforcement grants projects
 - Projects may include, but are not limited to Fort Sage SMRA Acquisition and Restoration grants; El Dorado County Sherriff grants; and San Bernardino NF Baldy Mesa OHV trails area
- Update on Off-Highway License Fees program
- Update on Education and Safety grants
 - Regional OHV opportunity maps and mapping technology
 - Education and safety grants
- Other topics may include the installation of orientation kiosks at Eastern Kern County, Onyx Ranch SVRA; General Plan goals and guidelines to reduce trespass
- Other topics based on public and Commission input

REPORT REQUIREMENT 6

This section includes updates on relevant OHMVR program-related environmental issues that have arisen since the last Program report. Content includes:

- San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District “Fugitive Dust” rule (Rule 1001)
- Johnson Valley OHV Area
- Clear Creek Management Area
- Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan
- West Mojave Route Network Project travel management plan
- Pending federal legislation (Senate Bill 414 and HR 3668)
- National monument designations affecting OHV recreation
- USFS Inyo, Sequoia, Sierra Forest Plan Revision – Early Adopters
- Bureau of Land Management Planning Rule 2.0
- Other topics based on public and Commission input

SVRA OVERVIEW

Update on new facilities, educational programs, attendance, and other items of interest

NOTES

GLOSSARY

APPENDICES